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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

October 16, 2003 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in St. Mary's 113B

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Dandaneau, Eloë, Gauder, Gerla, Kocoloski, Hall, Morman, Partlow, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba

1. Opening Prayer: J. Saliba opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Approval of ECAS Minutes for October 8, 2003: The October 8, 2003 minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements: An Academic Senate meeting will be held on Friday, October 31 at 3:00 p.m. in KU 331.
The Faculty Meeting will be held on Friday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.
The Strategic Planning Open Forum will be held on Wednesday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m. in KU 207.
4. Calendar Committee Update: S. Dandaneu reported that the committee voted unanimously to approve the "Statement of Recommendations on Finals Week." Two issues noted in this document will be deleted because they were deemed not to be academic by the ECAS. The issue concerning opening Roesch Library for a twenty-four hour per day period during finals week was sent to the SAPC for study, but this may not be an issue since the library is now open from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. The second item dealing with violations of alcohol-related student conduct during finals week was sent to the SAPC for review. The revised document without the two issues will be reconsidered by the ECAS and returned to the APC. These calendar issues will also be sent to the FAC.
5. Academic Excellence: A discussion on Academic Excellence continues in the Provost's Council according to F. Pestello. The discussion is moving towards deans and unit leaders having unit wide conversations and reporting any comments back to the deans. The Faculty Development Committee, Student Development staff, students, and various departments are having discussions. S. Wilkinson and B. Brecha are working on an RFP to secure funds through the ELC in December.
6. UDit Strategic Plan: The subcommittee sent the UDit Strategic Plan to the APC for comments. None were forthcoming. The ECAS will review the plan and forward to the Provost.

7. Broad-based LL.M. and Masters of the Study of Law: Two new graduate degree programs are proposed by the School of Law. They are a “Master of Laws in Intellectual Property and Technology Law”, an LL.M. degree, for students who already possess a first degree in law from the U.S. law school or foreign university and “Masters in the Study of Law (Intellectual Property and Technology Law)”, a M.S.L. degree, for students who possess a baccalaureate degree in an area other than law from a U.S. college or university or a foreign university authorized to confer such a degree by the government of the country where it is located. These new Masters courses in the Law School will appeal to the foreign students where there is a demand. This document will be sent to the APC for review. After the Academic Senate approves, this will be sent to the Ohio Board of Regents, the American Bar Association, the Provost, President, and the Board of Trustees.

8. Dean's List Policy: A. Kocoloski submitted a proposal from the SAPC concerning the current policy regarding the Dean's List. Recommendations are that full-time students to be named to the Dean's List will complete a minimum of twelve hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.50 or above. For the summer term, total hours completed during the multiple summer sessions are treated as being a single term. A part-time student who attends the fall, winter, and summer terms completing no less than six semester hours and not more than eleven and one-half hours with a grade point average of 3.50 or above is named to the Dean's Recognition List. The total hours completed during the multiple summer sessions are treated as being a single term. This proposal will be on the agenda for the October 31 Academic Senate meeting.

9. Committee Reports: J. Rapp, APC, reported that the revised General Education Goals will be ready to distribute to the Academic Senate for the October 31 meeting. P. Johnson is condensing all of the documents concerned and will submit to J. Rogatto to distribute to the ECAS. The committee had a preliminary discussion on the last date to add a class. They will invite T. Westendorf to the next meeting for his input.

A. Kocoloski, SAPC, said his committee is discussing the Instructional Diagnostic-Student Assessment form and that the Faculty Development Committee is also reviewing this issue.

H. Gerla, FAC, reported that his committee will meet on October 21.

10. Appointments to Academic Committees, Councils, and Boards: On September 13, 2002, the ECAS decided they could be an oversight committee to review the different committees, councils and boards on campus. It was decided that a website would be added to the Academic Senate website so the faculty can view the different committees, see what their functions are and who is on the committee. It will also show rosters of committee members and their terms. Faculty who are interested in serving can contact the individual chairs.

11. Appointment of a Social Science Faculty to the Election Committee: The Election Committee needs a Social Science faculty to serve. It was decided to contact F.

Pestello, Chair of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, to submit a name to the chair.

12. International Education: What is the next step? A strategic plan is being devised by F. Shereen and it was decided that the committee would wait to see her plan and work with her to shape the University strategy. It is hoped that all of the groups working on international programs could be brought together under one organizational umbrella and report to one office.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Rogatto